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New I-880 Express Lanes to Open in Summer 2020 Accompanied by Proposed Toll Ordinance

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is converting the HOV lanes on Interstate 880 to Express Lanes, which are scheduled to open in late summer 2020.

The hours of operation of these express lanes on I-880 will be extended to the time frame of 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, access into and out of the express lanes will be restricted at certain locations including parts of northbound I-880 in Fremont to smooth traffic flow.

Many other proposed changes are also slated to begin in summer 2020 to improve performance of the lanes, including:

- Scaled tolls
 - 3 or more person carpools and motorcycles pay no toll,
 - 2-person carpools and clean air vehicles pay 50% tolls,
 - Solo drivers pay full tolls,
- Tolls set dynamically to vary with traffic, with a minimum toll of \$0.50 per toll zone & no maximum toll,
- All vehicles in the express lanes must have FasTrak®,
- All vehicles eligible to be toll-free or pay reduced tolls must use FasTrak Flex® toll tags, and
- Toll violations for the cost of the toll plus penalties of \$25 (1st notice) & \$70 (2nd notice).



Several of these changes are required to be documented in a toll ordinance. Beginning now through December 18, 2019, MTC, through the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA), is providing opportunities to the public to comment on the proposed toll ordinance.

Attend an informal, in-person open house to learn more about the proposed changes, talk to project staff, and give your input. The first open house will be held on Tuesday, December 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Kennedy Community Center (1333 Decoto Rd., Union City). The second will be held on Wednesday, December 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Library (395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo).

BAIFA will consider the rules for adoption and make final policy decisions on January 22, 2020. For more details and to view the online open house (open until December 18), read BAIFA's proposed Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment at <https://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/plans-projects/major-regional-projects/mtc-express-lanes/express-lanes-policies>.

Community Development Block Grant Funding Available

The City of Fremont anticipates the availability of approximately \$1,369,657 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for projects benefitting low to moderate income Fremont residents. Projects must be implemented in the next two fiscal years, FY 2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022, and completed by June 30, 2022.

All projects must meet at least one need from the City's 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Action Plan, which is currently being finalized. Interested applicants should anticipate meeting one of the following needs.



1. Affordable Housing Needs - Create affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate-income households throughout the City of Fremont.
2. Community Development Needs - Provide critical services to low and moderate-income individuals. Funds may be used to meet capital improvement needs in order to increase or enhance service delivery, or to provide a public service including economic development.
3. Priority Homeless Needs – Provide critical services to the homeless population.
4. Priority Supportive Housing – Increase the availability of service-enriched housing for persons with special needs.

Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) and/or public agencies are eligible to apply. Secular ministries or programs of a religious organization are also eligible.

Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Fiscal Year 2021-2022 CDBG funding will be available on Thursday, December 12, 2019, via ZoomGrants at www.Fremont.gov/Grants.

For more information about the City's Community Development Block Grant Program, visit www.Fremont.gov/CDBG or contact Nancy Sa at 510-574-2043. Para información en español, por favor llame a Leticia Leyva a 510-574-2072.

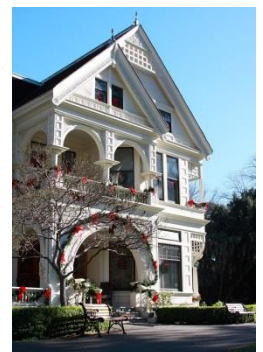
Candy Cane Hunt

Join the Recreation Services Division for a festive community holiday event on Saturday, December 7 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Park near the Teen Center, located at 39770 Paseo Padre Parkway. Thousands of candy canes and goodies will be scattered and hidden for children ages 2-10 to collect. This outdoor event includes sponsor booths, activities, holiday treats, and a visit from Santa. Tickets are \$5 each and are required to participate in the hunt, games, and more. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/CandyCaneHunt.



Holiday Event at the Patterson House

Get into the holiday spirit by visiting a Christmas Open House at the Patterson House, and see this Victorian-era Queen Anne mansion fully decorated for the holidays. Enjoy live music, refreshments, Victorian-inspired decorations, and much more! Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/ChristmasatthePattersonHouse.



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